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Planning for Mountain View's Future

As part of the process to update Mountain View's General Plan, the City held two community workshops this summer attended by more than 200 people and conducted a community survey to gather public input for the update. The General Plan is used to guide future development in Mountain View and includes guidelines for how the City will approach land use, housing, open space, conservation, circulation and public safety issues.



The workshop and survey are part of an ongoing effort to invite the community to help shape the General Plan. The update of the General Plan, which will be used to guide development for the next twenty years, will include a vision statement. The final statement will be the product of a comprehensive visioning process that provides residents and business owners with a variety of opportunities to offer opinions and ideas about what the City should be like in the future.

The community visioning process will be completed by the end of September and the update to the General Plan is expected to begin later this year. To learn more about the community visioning process, visit www.mountainview2030.com.

Check out
the latest community
news on our web site at
www.mountainview.gov/news/city_announcements

New Child Care Center Opens in September



Mountain View's new Child Care Center, located at 260 Escuela Avenue near the Senior Center, opened on September 8, 2008. The Child Care Center is operated by the Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC), a locally-based, national provider of Child Care services. The Center serves up to 104 children, ranging from 6-weeks to 5-years of age. The Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Low-income Mountain View residents will receive first priority for enrollment, followed by Mountain View residents, City employees and others.

The 7,000 sq. ft. Center offers several community-use features, including

a community resource room and a children's playground. Both facilities will be available for public use after Center hours. The Resource Room will be managed by a Family Resource Specialist, who will be available to provide information about Child Care, health, community services and housing. A toy and parent resource lending library are also planned.

A portion of the funding for the Mountain View Child Care Center has been made available through a partnership between the City and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

For information regarding the Child Care Center, contact CCLC at (408) 732-2500 or visit www.cclc.com. For information regarding the Community Resource Room, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.



Child Care Center Awarded Funding

FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County awarded Mountain View in-kind assistance to help staff the Community Resource Room, which is part of the new Child Care Center facility. The funds will support a half-time employee to provide resource materials and referrals, snacks for program times, and Center activities for parents/caregivers and children.

Shoreline Celebration on September 28

The City celebrates the 25th Anniversary of Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park on Sunday, September 28 with a variety of activities, including the City Golf Tournament, the Annual Trailblazer Race, a community bike ride, docent-led environmental walks, games, and tours of the historic Rengstorff House. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic and enjoy music on the lawn near the Sailing Lake.

Mountain View's premier regional park facility features a small boat sailing lake; an 18-hole golf course; Michaels at Shoreline clubhouse and banquet facilities; historic Rengstorff House; Boat House; irrigated meadowlands; wildlife and habitat areas; a self-guided interpretive sign system and eight miles of paved trails. Extensive wetlands include two tidal marshes, two sloughs, and two creeks. Recreational activity opportunities include jogging, walking, bird watching, kite flying and sailing.

For more information, please contact the Shoreline Office at (650) 903-6392.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Save the Dates: Join in Upcoming Community Events:

- Shoreline Anniversary Celebration – September 28
- Thursday Night Finale – October 2
- Halloween Monster Bash – October 26
- Reading Day at the Library – November 15
- Community Holiday Tree Lighting – December 8

MAYOR'S AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATIONS FOR 2008

The nominations are open for the City of Mountain View's 2008 Mayor's Award Program. This Program recognizes physical projects and social programs which have made a significant contribution to the City. *The City began accepting nominations on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, and all nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, September 3, 2008.*

The City invites nominations for outstanding physical projects substantially completed or built and social programs that have been active during the past two fiscal years. *Physical Projects* – substantially completed or built between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008. *Social Programs*—ongoing or new programs that have been in operation between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008. The Mayor's Award will be presented in up-to-ten (10) separate categories. Nominations for awards will be evaluated by a jury of thirteen (13) Mountain View residents and employees of Mountain View-based corporations and organizations. Awards will be presented by the Mayor at a special Ceremony in the City Hall Rotunda to be held on November 17, 2008.

A completed Mayor's Award nomination form and illustrative still photos (digital preferred) are required. Forms are available at the following locations:

- City of Mountain View web page: www.mountainview.gov
- The Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and City Manager's Office, located at City Hall, 500 Castro Street
- Library Information Desk, 585 Franklin Street
- Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
- Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- Chamber of Commerce, 580 Castro Street

E-mail Submission Encouraged:
www.mayorsaward2008.mountainview.gov

Should you have further questions or inquiries concerning this program, please contact Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager at (650) 903-6210.

See the enclosed
special section for
more highlights of
the Shoreline 25th
Anniversary

Fiscal Year 2008-09 Adopted Budget

In June, the Mountain View City Council adopted a \$238.5 million budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. The General Operating Fund composes the largest portion of the budget and has faced the greatest financial challenges during the last four years.

General Operating Fund revenues for FY 2008-09 are projected to increase 3.2% over last year, while General Operating Fund expenditures, totaling \$88.5 million, are expected to grow by 4.1%. The General Operating Fund budget is balanced with a \$499,000 Economic Stabilization Contingency (used for unexpected expenditures).

Although the FY 2008-09 budget provides only modest funding increases to maintain service levels, it does continue the City’s commitment to the funding of equipment and infrastructure maintenance. The health of City revenues will be monitored and the City will continue to carefully manage expenditure growth to maintain a balanced budget. There are challenges for the City’s budget to remain balanced, including yet to be determined impacts from the State budget and declining revenue.

The adopted budget also includes \$27.2 million for funding of capital improvements and maintenance projects, including:

- Mariposa/W. Dana Park design and construction
- Mayfield Park design
- Fire Station No. 5 construction
- Continued construction of the Stevens Creek Trail overcrossing at Moffett Boulevard and the next reach of the Trail
- Evaluation of vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic near Mountain View High School
- Development of a master plan for the Cuesta Park Annex site
- Environmental study of the proposed Rengstorff Avenue grade separation project
- Burgoyne Street reconstruction
- South Shoreline Blvd. and El Camino Real sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement
- Miscellaneous storm/sanitary sewer main replacement
- Street Resurfacing

For more information, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

Watch City Meetings on Your Computer
You can watch live-streaming City Council and Environmental Planning Commission meetings on your computer, or you can view archived meetings, by visiting the City’s web site:
www.mountainview.gov



New Digital TV Conversion in 2009

In February of 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. If your TV is not connected to cable or satellite, you will need a converter box to watch regular programming. You can find out more about converting to digital TV and get assistance to defray the cost of a convertor box with a coupon provided by the Federal government. Each household is entitled to two \$40-coupons that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes. For more information, call (888) 388-2009 or go online at www.dtv2009.gov.

If you do purchase a television with a new digital tuner, consider donating old sets in good condition to a non-profit group like Goodwill or Salvation Army. To recycle old sets, residents can take them directly to the “SMaRT Station” in Sunnyvale, located at 301 Carl Road or Foothill Disposal will pick them up for a small fee. Call (650) 967-3034 for information.

MAJOR CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

As part of its annual goal-setting and budgetary process the City Council established six (6) major goals (not in rank order) as follows:

- Provide enhanced Gang Prevention and Intervention services
- Begin Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation environmental review
- Develop a multi-year General Operating Fund Revenue Plan and an update to the Economic Development Strategy
- Expand Positive Activities for Youth
- Improve Safety/Cleanliness of Rengstorff Park to support Neighborhood Revitalization
- Develop and Adopt a Cuesta Park Annex Master Plan

City Receives Grant Funds

Mountain View continues to proactively compete for available funding and has received a number of important grants recently, including:

- \$45,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for climate protection planning
- \$24,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the purchase of hybrid vehicles
- \$60,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety to reduce collisions and injuries
- \$41,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety to identify and mitigate high risk collision areas
- \$162,000 from the State of California to prevent crime activity
- Staff and activity funds from FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County for the new Child Care Center
- \$83,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded the Fire Department in grant funding for replacement exhaust removal systems in Stations 1, 3, and 4.

Grant to Help Reduce Gang Activity

Mountain View was the only city in Santa Clara County to receive a California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant from the State this year. The City will receive \$162,000 in funds over three years for gang prevention efforts. The grant is a matching competitive grant that the Council has decided to use as partial funding to create a Youth Services Unit. The Youth Services Unit will include a new Sergeant position funded in FY 2008–09 and an existing Officer position to create this unit. In addition, the grant money will be utilized for services with Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) for counseling. This new Unit will assist in making the City’s gang prevention efforts more flexible and multilayered to meet the needs of our community.

New Balcony BBQ Rules

With the recent City adoption of the 2006 International Fire Code, the Mountain View Fire Department would like to inform City residents of newly enacted fire and life safety requirements pertaining to the use and storage of barbecues. Specifically, these requirements prohibit the use and storage of charcoal and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) barbecues on balconies, patios and decks of residential structures having more than two dwelling units. These requirements have been adopted by all municipalities within Santa Clara County. For additional information, please visit the City’s web site: www.mountainview.gov.



Preserve Heritage and Other Trees

To preserve Mountain View’s trees, the City encourages residents to prune all trees properly. The City’s Heritage Tree Ordinance requires property owners with Heritage Trees to prune them correctly and it prohibits the topping of Heritage Trees.

A Heritage Tree is any tree with a trunk circumference of 48” or more measured at 54” above natural grade. Three species are also considered Heritage trees if they have a circumference 12” measured at 54” above natural grade: oak, redwood and cedar. Generally, a tree needs to be pruned if it has dead, detached or diseased branches, rubbing limbs, or a limb has fallen.

If you have a question about the health or pruning of a tree on your property, contact a certified arborist. If you have questions and wish to speak to a qualified staff person about the Heritage Tree Ordinance or a street tree at your residence, call the Community Services Department’s Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273.

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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

Keeping Mountain View Green

This Fall, the City's Environmental Sustainability Task Force, comprised of 68 residents and business people appointed by the City Council in 2008, will provide recommendations to the City Council on how Mountain View can meet or exceed the State's AB-32 greenhouse gas emissions reductions requirements and how to increase the overall sustainability of Mountain View. Look for the report on the City's web site at www.mountainview.gov.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory—The City is completing a 2005 baseline community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory in collaboration with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. An emissions inventory of City facilities and operations is also underway. These inventories will become the basis for meeting the requirements of AB-32-to reduce emissions 11% by 2010, 25% by 2020, and 80% by 2050.

Green Building Policy—The Environmental Sustainability Task Force is reviewing green building practices and will recommend to the City Council official standards for the City, among them the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system for public and commercial development and Build It Green's GreenPoint-rated system for residential development.

Green Team—The City's internal Green Team, comprised of representatives from all departments, has identified and analyzed approximately 100 actions that could be taken in City facilities and operations to help the environment based on impact, difficulty, timeline, priority, and cost. Recommendations will be presented in the Fall.

Environmental Purchasing Policy—An Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy for City purchases is under review and will be presented to the City Council for consideration this Fall.

Construction and Demolition Ordinance—The City Council will consider in September a Construction and Demolition Ordinance, which could become effective this Fall, to increase the amount of debris currently recycled. Construction and demolition debris comprises between 9 and 13 percent of Mountain View's waste stream.

Regional Recycled Water Project

In 2009 the City will begin delivering recycled water to the North Bayshore area. A joint project between the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View, the new distribution system will supply recycled water from the Regional Water Quality Control Plant in Palo Alto to the area of Mountain View located north of Highway 101. Recycled water will replace potable water currently used for landscape irrigation.

Some of the City's largest water consumers are located in the North Bayshore area, including the Shoreline Golf Links and large business complexes. The City estimates that recycled water consumption will eventually exceed 1,000,000 gallons per day, replacing up to 10% of the City's potable water use. Palo Alto will supply up to 3,000,000 gallons per day to Mountain View, providing an ample supply for future system expansion. Mountain View will receive recycled water at no cost under the terms of a 30-year agreement between the Cities.

The project is financed by the Cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto, as well as grant and loan funding from the State of California. Mountain View is also continuing to pursue Federal funding to offset a portion of its project costs. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Affordable Housing Update

A developer has been selected, and community meetings and public hearings are in the planning stages for the creation of affordable family rental housing on a City-owned downtown property located at the southeast corner of West Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street. It is anticipated that 40 to 50 rental units will be developed on the property for low-income families. The City Council has reserved \$7 million in local housing funds and \$1.5 million in Federal funds for the affordable family rental development downtown.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Stevens Creek Trail

A new segment of Stevens Creek Trail from Yuba Drive to El Camino Real opened in April, adding a third of a mile to the existing 4 miles of the bike and pedestrian trail. When completed, the trail will run from Shoreline at Mountain



View Regional Park to Mountain View High School. This latest extension includes a tunnel under El Camino Real that features glass block natural lighting.

The next trail section will extend the trail from El Camino Real to a pedestrian bridge at the Sleeper Avenue Open Space area. Construction on this segment begins this Fall and is scheduled for complete by Spring 2009.

Also under construction is a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing at Moffett Boulevard that will allow Trail users to avoid using the crosswalk.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Build It Green Home Tour

Build It Green, a non-profit organization promoting energy and resource-efficient buildings in California, offers 'Green Home Tours' showcasing environmentally-friendly houses. The next green home tour in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties will be September 28th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes 15 homes.

To learn about green designs, and for more information on how to purchase a tour guide-book, visit www.BuildItGreen.org or call (888) 404-7336.

MAJOR PROJECTS

DROUGHT DECLARED— REDUCE WATER USE BY 10%

Because of current drought conditions, the City's two largest water suppliers, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Santa Clara Valley Water District, are asking customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 10 percent. These measures could become mandatory if water users do not immediately cut back on water use.

10 Ways to Reduce Water Use

- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or doing the dishes.
- Take shorter showers.
- Install aerators in kitchen and bathroom faucets.
- Don't allow the hose to run while washing your car.
- Check for leaky plumbing fixtures and repair them.
- Plant drought tolerant gardens and be sure sprinklers water plants, not pavement.
- Take gardening and landscaping classes offered by Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening by calling (510) 444-7645.
- Call the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) at (650) 349-3000 for information about water-efficient landscaping classes.
- Operate your clothes washers and dishwashers with full loads only.
- Replace old toilets, showerheads and washing machines with higher-efficiency fixtures and appliances.

Water Quality Report Available

You can learn more about where the City's drinking water comes from and the results of recent water quality tests in the 2007 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report. Look for the report in your mail, visit www.mountainview.gov, or call (650) 903-6329 to request a copy.

Parks and Open Space Plan Update and New Recreation Plan

The City Council adopted an update to the City's Parks and Open Space Plan. The Plan provides a comprehensive analysis of open space needs in Mountain View and is intended to direct future decisions regarding the acquisition and/or development of public open space.

In addition, the City moved forward with adoption of a new Recreation Plan, holding workshops and focus groups, along with a survey of City recreation services users to gather input. The Recreation Plan emphasizes the role and vision of the City's Community Services Department to "Create Community through People, Parks and Programs" and includes recommendations for traditional recreation programs, services and facilities, as well as other programs that are important to the community. It includes twenty-three overarching program and service recommendations, seven recreation facilities, and acreage/recommendations to meet the athletic field demand. The Plan also prioritizes the needs, services and outcomes, as well as provides phasing and implementation strategies.

For information on the Parks and Open Space Plan, and Recreation Plan, contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6254.

Register On-line for Recreation Classes

Mountain View residents will now be able to register online for classes and activities listed in the Recreation Activity Guide. The new on-line registration will be available beginning this December for the Winter-Spring guide. The online registration will require residents to appear in person to verify they are a resident of the city and to obtain a secure personal identification number (PIN) that must be used when registering online. The Recreation Division will begin issuing PIN numbers late in November

For information about online registration, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



Sierra Vista Park Opened

Mountain View celebrated the opening of a new park at Sierra Vista Avenue in March with a ribbon cutting, plaque and community activities. The design for the new 0.8-acre park was created in conjunction with neighborhood residents who provided their ideas and suggestions at several community meetings.

The new park features play structures, swing sets, picnic tables with benches, a large lawn area, pathways and other amenities. For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



Check it Out— Recreation Guide Has New Information

To help residents choose classes and activities, this issue of the Recreation Activity Guide (accompanying The View) provides information on the developmental skills or assets offered by various classes. Watch for the ‘asset symbol’ by each class and then check to see what skill the class is designed to help develop.



Reading Day November 15

Help celebrate the 16th Annual Reading Day at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, on November 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free Reading Day activities include story reading by event mascot Readeroo, community leaders, Graham Middle School students, Police Officers and Firefighters. Stories will be read in English, Spanish, Hindi and Chinese. There will also be clowns, balloon animals, crafts, and performance artists.

For more information, call the Library at (650) 903-6335.



Library has New Features

The Library building, located on 585 Franklin Street, now features a state-of-the-art automated check-in system and a new sorting system. Together, these new systems will cut the staff time devoted to the handling of returned materials in half.

Other improvements include:

- newly configured lobby and seating areas
- drive-up return in the parking garage and front drop-off zone
- two additional self-check machines
- new digital signage
- expanded adult literacy and Teen Zone collections
- new study and quiet areas
- new paint and carpeting
- new energy-efficient lighting

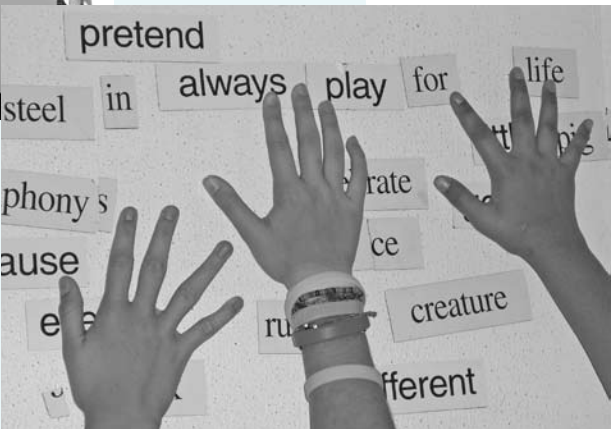
For more information about the improvements to the Library, call (650) 903-6335 or visit <http://library.mountainview.gov>.

Mountain View Reads Together 2008

Mountain View Reads Together, a program that brings the community together to read and discuss the same book, is hosting a film competition. This year's book selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Members of the community can read the book and participate in discussions and activities related to the book beginning in November.

This year, a short film competition challenges interested readers to produce a film, ten minutes or shorter, inspired by the book. First prize is \$500. The top three films will be broadcast on community television channel KMVT Channel 15. For more information on the film contest, visit kmvt15.org.

To learn more about Mountain View Reads Together activities, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Candace Bowers at (650) 903-6337.



Ambassador Program Helps Local Families

The City of Mountain View, along with First 5 and Parents Place, offers a program to help families with young children connect with providers of local resources for families. Families who live in Mountain View and have children ranging from infants to five-years-old are invited to attend a series of free presentations with local professionals in child development, health care, childcare, literacy and community resources. To date, forty Mountain View families have participated in the program and are ambassadors bringing this valuable information to other local families.

Six information sessions are currently planned. They will be from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at the Rengstorff Community Center on Monday, September 22, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17 and December 8. Transportation and childcare are available upon request at no cost. For more information about participating in the Ambassador Program contact: Kimberly Castro, Youth Resources Manager, (650) 903-6397 Kim.Castro@mountainview.gov or Martha Salazar, Parents Place, (650) 688-3098, marthas@jfcs.org





Free Emergency Training

The Fire Department will offer free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training twice between now and the end of the year. Over the course of 4 weeks, CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid/CPR, and light search and rescue. All classes are open to the public and taught by trained emergency personnel.

Classes are scheduled for September/October and in November. Mountain View is one of two cities in Northern California to offer the classes in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. For more information and registration, call (650) 903-6378.



Library Program Features Police as Readers

A new program at the Library introduces young children to Police personnel as storybook readers. The pilot project provides security and assistance for Library customers and the opportunity for the public to learn more about the Police Department's community outreach programs.

Every Saturday from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., Police Assistant Wayne Boom reads stories to children and families at the Library's front entrance. When asked by a child if he has a gun, Boom enjoys replying, "No, I have books."

Learn more about this pilot program by calling the Library at (650) 903-6335.

An Evening of Free Theater, Music, and Dance

Local arts groups, including TheatreWorks, Peninsula Youth Theatre, Schola Cantorum, Pacific Ballet Academy and Western Ballet, will showcase their talents at a free festival of entertainment at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street. Titled 'Thursday Night Finale' on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m., these free presentations are on the Center's Second Stage. Limited seating, first come, first served on day of event only. No advance seating available. For more information, call (650) 903-6000 or visit: mvcpa.com



Senior Advisory Task Force

The City Council has appointed the Senior Advisory Task Force to gather more information on issues related to Mountain View seniors. The Task Force is comprised of seniors who are Mountain View residents, as well as professional providers of senior services and programs. The Task Force is currently working on a report covering the needs of local seniors, including housing, transportation, recreation and social services.

The Task Force meets the 4th Monday of every month at the Senior Center. For more information, call the Center at (650) 903-6330 or Task Force Liaison Rae Blasquez at (650) 903-6607.



Senior Home Repair Services Available

The Non-profit Avenidas Minor Home Repair and Home Access Program in conjunction with funding from the City of Mountain View's Community Development Block Grant funding offers free minor home repair and small-scale accessibility modifications for income eligible senior and low income Mountain View households. For more information, call (650) 289-5425.

Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center, located at 270 Escuela Avenue, provides activities for seniors, including crafts, lectures, and physical and occupational therapies. The facility operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Activities fees are either subsidized or assessed on a sliding scale. For more information, call (650) 289-5499



Youth Services Committee

The City Council has created the Youth Advisory Committee from the City's former Youth Advisory Group in order to enable young people to work directly with the Council Youth Services Committee and to increase communication between local students and the City Council. The role of the new Youth Advisory Committee is to help identify youth-related needs in the community and make recommendations to the City Council on youth-related programs, services and facilities. The Committee is currently comprised of ten middle school and high school students.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Check out the comments of volunteers below. If you want to join our team, please call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.



Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm–School Year Teaching Docents

Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. A volunteer-led farm orientation will be held on September 11 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the Mountain View Library. Learn more about the Deer Hollow Farm education program at an open house on Sept. 23 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail dhfarms@mountainview.org.

Center for Performing Arts–Ushers–Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, September 22nd and Monday, September 29th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or Liz@mvcpa.com.

Library Services–Children's Services–Organize and shelve books, magazines, videos, CDs, cassettes, or books on tape. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age and must be responsible, multi-tasked oriented and flexible. A brief interview will be scheduled. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or E-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.org.

Senior Services–Front Desk–Greet and give information to senior visitors. Shifts are flexible and available M–F, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail megan.garverick@mountainview.gov.

“I have volunteered with the City since the 2001; I serve as the coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service for Mountain View. I get a lot of personal satisfaction using my HAM Radio skills for the community. It is a great experience to get to know others that are civic-minded and volunteer at the City. We have some tremendously talented volunteers that bring a lot to our community”

— Office of Emergency Services
Fire Department Volunteer, Jerry Haag

“I have volunteered for over a year. I volunteer at the Senior Center because of the friendly staff and volunteers that are dedicated to making the seniors feel welcomed and a vital part of this community. It is such a delight to greet the seniors who come in or call into the Senior Center. They are so appreciative of the broad range of services the Senior Center offers. It is a very rewarding experience.”

—Senior Center Volunteer
Tonya Lewis

Senior Services–Computer Lab–Assist seniors in the technology center. Shifts are available M–F, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail megan.garverick@mountainview.gov.

Senior Services–Brown Bag Program–Volunteers are needed for Second Harvest Food Bank's Brown Bag Program every Tuesday morning at the Mountain View Senior Center. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail megan.garverick@mountainview.gov.

Senior Services–Blood Pressure Nurses–Registered Nurses or Certified Nurses Assistants are needed to provide free blood pressure screening for seniors on a monthly basis. Schedules be determined by availability. An active nurse's license is required. For more information, contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov.

“I have volunteered with the City since February of 1991. I volunteer because this is my community and this is my time to give back. It is important for people to volunteer. I volunteer at the Center for the Performing Arts because of its value in creating and providing enjoyment of the cultural arts.”

—Center for the Performing Arts Volunteer,
Lois Hopp

Shoreline at Mountain View–Shoreline Park seeks friendly volunteer docents 18 years and older for the following jobs:

Environmental Docent–Help educate the public about the maritime history, landfill legacy, unique ecosystems and environmental processes at Shoreline at Mountain View Park.

Rengstorff House Gardener–Assist in garden and grounds maintenance and provide flower arrangements for the parlors in the house.

Curriculum and Exhibit Designers–Support the ongoing development of curriculum for school and community groups, as well as in increasing seasonal exhibit opportunities at the Rengstorff House.

For more information on any of the above positions, contact Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073 or E-mail kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov.



Police–Community Outreach–Assist staff at community events, festivals and fairs. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of 3 events per year for 3 hours shifts. Fill out an application form at www.mvcpd.gov or call Gina at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Police–Home Security Inspection–Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related fields are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 5-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvcpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Police–Field Assistance Volunteer–Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in our false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvcpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Community Outreach Program–Volunteers bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6545 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov.

City Clerk's Office–Office Assistant–Distribute council packets, prepare mail, perform general filing, copying, and data entry, and prepare records for off-site storage and souvenir inventory. Computer experience is required. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For Calendar updates
on all meetings and events
visit the web site at
www.mountainview.gov/events
or on KMVT (cable TV)

REGULAR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

City Council – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Library Board – Meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street

Environmental Planning Commission – Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Human Relations Commission – Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Parks and Recreation Commission – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Downtown Committee – meets Tuesday of every other month at 8:00 a.m.

Performing Arts Advisory Committee – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

Abbreviation Guide*

CC Council Chambers, City Hall

PCR Plaza Conference Room, City Hall

ACR Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

CPA Center for the Performing Arts,
500 Castro Street

***Please Note: All dates are subject to change.**
Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304
to confirm dates and times, or visit the web site at
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Visual Arts Committee – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Youth Advisory Committee – Meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue

Senior Advisory Task Force – Meets Sept, 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 26., and February 23, 5 p.m. Senior Center, 266 Escuela

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Events

- Saturday, September 13 in San Jose
 - Saturday, September 20 in Sunnyvale
 - Saturday, September 27 in Santa Clara
- Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

Home Composting Workshops

- Saturday, September 20 and
Saturday, October 18,
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon,
Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff
- Call (408) 918-4640 to register.



The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program—should you have any questions about the latest *View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted until a sufficient number have been received or no later than September 15, 2008 from Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on the following City board, commissions or committees:

- **LIBRARY BOARD** (1 position)
(Meets on the third Monday evening of the month)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (1 position)
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (4 positions)
(Meets on the first Thursday evening of the month)
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (2 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (3 positions)
(Meets on the last Wednesday of the month)
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**
Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (1 position)
(Meets as needed on a Tuesday morning)
- **PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE** (2 positions)
(Meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month)
- **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE** (4 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed. The commissions and committees and board are volunteer positions and members serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 for further information and applications. An application can be downloaded at www.mountainview.gov/citygov/pdf/community_services_application.pdf.

Voting Day
Tuesday, November 4, Election Day

City Offices will be Closed:
Monday, September 1 for Labor Day
Tuesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday